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**Advocacy Letter**

**Part 1**

Dear Mark Butler,

First, let me hope that you are fine following many activities you conduct every day to ensure that the labour sector. This letter is purposed to inform you about an issue people face that is affecting their economic status. The concern is unemployment. Speculations have risen in the recent past concerning how the government has reduced the unemployment percentage in the nation. The truth is, good progress has been noted, but still, we have a lot of individuals going through economic hardships due to unemployment. The youth are the most affected group in the country. It's something of concern to note that many youths who have just graduated from their universities and colleges are unemployed in most countries. I agree that the unemployment rate has reduced from 12.06% in 2019 to about 11.96% this year. This is a positive indication of our economic progress. I, however, believe that the rate can be reduced if proper policies are put in place and are adhered to. For instance, in 2010, the youth unemployment rate was at 11.5%. This implies that even if we have improved concerning last year's unemployment rate, we still need to strive and meet better rates.

Even though I'm writing this letter using one pen, the ideas and opinions are from millions of citizens going through an unemployment crisis. The issue should be addressed because it affects the living standards of the people in the country and slows down the economic development of our country. Solving the unemployment issue will solve very many social, economic, and even political problems in our nation. It is all known that employment is the root cause of various social issues in the country; thus, solving the matter will be solving many other social problems in the nation. Solving the unemployment concern is also essential for the stability of the social work sector in Australia. When the issue is solved, it will give other social workers enough time to solve other problems and attend to other people with different challenges. The rest of the world holds Australia very high in terms of employment statistics and economic status. Thus, let us continue maintaining Australia's image high and even improve the statistics to enable other nations to emulate us. Australia would then become the leading nation and a reference nation for other countries to solve their economic concerns.

I would like you to respond to the unemployment issue by creating legislation that will encompass the assurity of youth being employed once they finish schooling. Being a member of the Australian labour, you can propose a good bill that will help solve the unemployment crisis in Australia and enhance economic development in the nation. Proposing the bill is essential because it will bring a permanent solution if the bill is passed since it would be a documented social welfare proposal. It would also be a better move for you to explain to other labour committee members about the situation and urge them to push the bill. When the other members support the proposal, it will increase the bill's chances of being accepted and passed. You can begin by stating the effects that unemployment causes on Australia's economy to understand the need to address the issue with immediate effect. I hope that you will address the problem and propose the bill as soon as you can. I appreciate any help you can provide.

Yours sincerely

Sign.

**Part 2**

I chose to write to you about the unemployment concern because it is the cause of many other social and economic problems (Cassidy et al.,2020). Unemployment leads to so many devastating effects on the citizens of Australia. The first notable effect of unemployment is poverty (Churchill et al.,2020). Individuals who are not employed find it hard to meet their daily meals. Some Australians only survive on a single meal a day. Some lack the one meal and resolve to begin the Australian city streets. Another effect of unemployment is homelessness. When people are not employed, they lack the financial capability to have their own houses. Inadequate finance leads people to homelessness situations, thus enhancing poverty in the nation. It could also happen due to citizens not paying their rental amounts, thus moving out from the houses. It is also worth noting that unemployment can lead to social problems such as family breakdowns. Many families have separated due to the parents not being able to provide financial assistance to their children. When the family breaks, the children move to the streets, increasing the number of street children.

Parents who cannot cater to their families due to unemployment develop a feeling of shame and stigma, leading to mental disorders such as depression and schizophrenia (Brouwers et al.,2020). Mental illnesses are dangerous because they could become a permanent concern or even death to the individuals. Unemployment increases crime cases in the country. Some unemployed youth join illegal groups and begin participating in illicit crimes such as illegal drugs and shoplifting activities. The illegal activities that threaten national security thus should be addressed. These effects that unemployment causes are the reasons why I chose the unemployment factor.

Unemployment affects social work because it increases the number of people that have a mental illness. Mentally ill individuals require social workers who would support and encourage them to live a stable life. Thus, the social workers concentrate on the people affected by unemployment, and other sectors such as the environment remain unsolved. The people who are supposed to participate in the social work activities could also fail to be employed; thus, this would affect the social work framework. There would be fewer people to cater to the needy individuals in the society.

I decided to choose Mark Butler because of his position in the Australian government. The issue of unemployment could be well addressed by a member of the labour sector in Australia because unemployment is a labour-related issue. Mark Butler is a member of the Australian Labor Party; thus, he is better positioned to present the matter to the rest. He is also the representative of the Australian House of Representatives from the year 2019 (Gauja et al.,2020). Being in the labour party means that Butler understands some unemployment concerns; thus, it would take him less time to comprehend the letter. His position in the labour party and the house representative qualifies Mark Butler to be the best recipient of the letter.

I considered Butler's political history, and I was convinced that he was the best representative to spearhead the issue. His career is full of social work segments that make him understand the needs of people in the country. Butler used to be a secretary of the Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Workers Union (LHMU). His experience in the workers union makes him in the position to understand worker’s needs and the unemployment concerns in the country. He also served as a minister for Environment, Heritage, and Water, and later in the year 2018, he moved to the seat of Hindmarsh.

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